

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
INDICTMENT

ROCKINGHAM, SS.

JUNE TERM, 2007

At the Superior Court, holden at Brentwood, within and for the County of Rockingham, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven,

THE GRAND JURORS FOR THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, upon oath, present that:

MICHAEL V. BENTON  
(D.O.B. 08/24/76)

of Manchester, New Hampshire, on or between the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April and 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2005, at Deerfield, New Hampshire in the County of Rockingham, with force and arms, did commit the crime of

Conspiracy to Commit Capital Murder  
(RSA 629:3; 630:1, I(c))

in that with the purpose that the crime of capital murder be committed he agreed with John Brooks, and/or Joseph Vrooman, and/or Robin Knight, and/or Jesse Brooks to cause the death of Jack Reid, Sr. As overt acts in furtherance of the conspiracy:

1. John Brooks asked Joseph Vrooman to help him kill Jack Reid, Sr. in exchange for an amount of money; and/or
2. Joseph Vrooman obtained a stun gun, handcuffs, and/or spray; and/or
3. Jesse Brooks contacted Michael Benton; and/or
4. John Brooks sent a package via Federal Express to 145 North Road in Deerfield, New Hampshire; and/or
5. John Brooks traveled from Nevada to New Hampshire; and/or

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6. Joseph Vrooman traveled from Nevada to New Hampshire; and/or
7. John Brooks asked Michael Benton to help him kill Jack Reid, Sr. in exchange for an amount of money; and/or
8. John Brooks asked Michael Benton to purchase a cellular telephone; and/or
9. Michael Benton purchased a cellular telephone; and/or
10. Michael Benton activated a cellular telephone under the name Charlie Was; and/or
11. John Brooks asked Robin Knight to help him kill Jack Reid, Sr.; and/or
12. John Brooks asked Robin Knight to call Jack Reid, Sr. on a cellular telephone; and/or
13. Robin Knight called Jack Reid, Sr. on a cellular telephone; and/or
14. John Brooks and/or Joseph Vrooman purchased "zip ties;" and/or
15. John Brooks traveled to Manchester, New Hampshire in order to pick up Michael Benton; and/or
16. John Brooks traveled to 145 North Road in Deerfield, New Hampshire on June 27, 2005; and/or
17. Joseph Vrooman traveled to 145 North Road in Deerfield, New Hampshire on June 27, 2005; and/or
18. Robin Knight traveled to 145 North Road in Deerfield, New Hampshire on June 27, 2005; and/or
19. Michael Benton traveled to 145 North Road in Deerfield, New Hampshire on June 27, 2005; and or
20. John Brooks brought a handgun with him to 145 North Road in Deerfield on June 27, 2005; and/or
21. Robin Knight led Jack Reid, Sr. into a barn attached to the residence at 145 North Road, Deerfield, New Hampshire



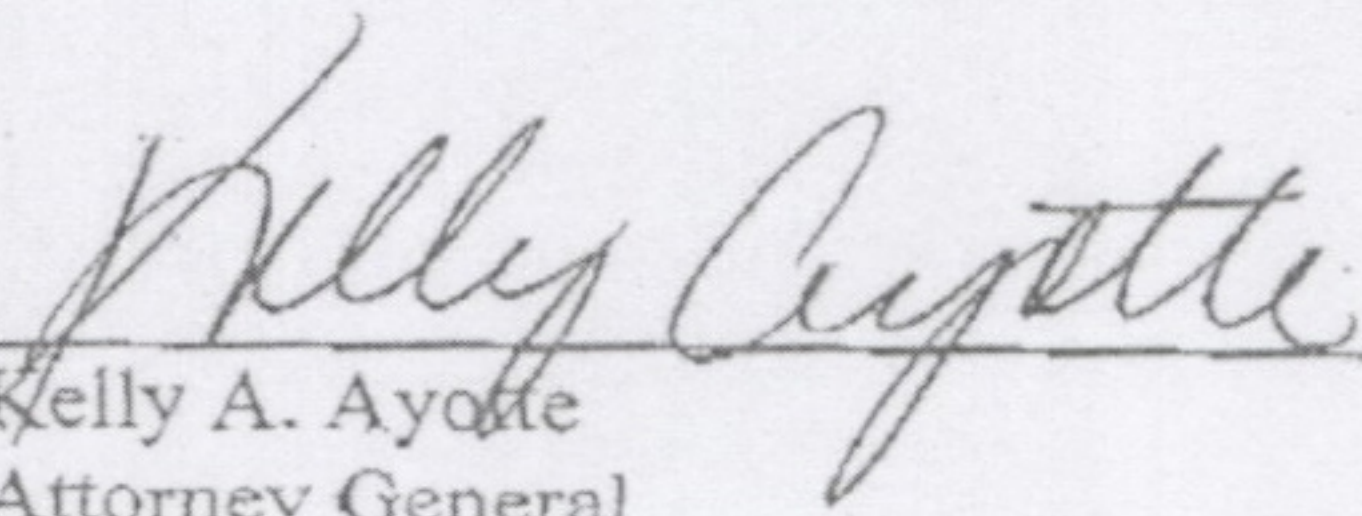
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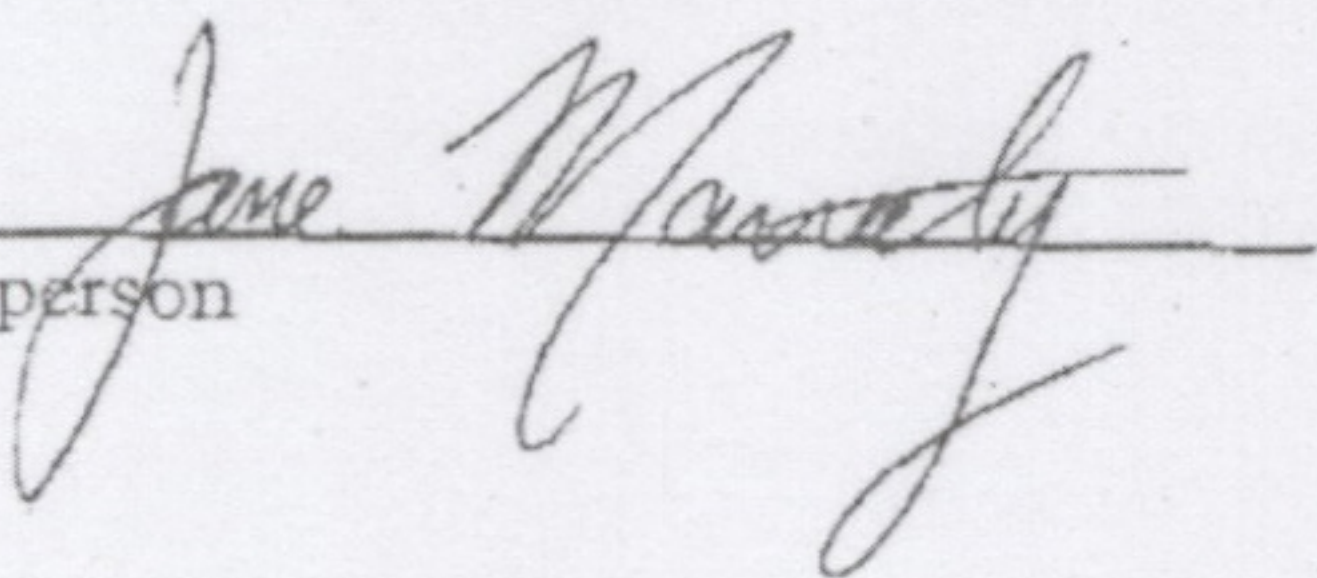
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Michael V. Benton's conduct was contrary to the form of the statute, in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State.

DATED: June 8, 2007

  
Kelly A. Ayotte  
Attorney General

This is a true bill.

  
Foreperson

DATED: June 8, 2007



Defendant's Name: Michael V. Benton  
DOB: 08/24/1976  
Address: 999 Goffstown Road, Manchester, NH 03102  
RSA: RSA 629:3: 630:1, I(c)  
Dist/Mun Ct: Auburn District Court, Docket Nos. 06-CR-3149